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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hans-Udeli Roeck  
Title: "PROCESS FOR COMMUNICATION AND HEARING AID SYSTEM"  
Serial No.: 09/767,444  
Filed: January 23, 2001  
Docket: 33270

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant has received the enclosed Notice of Incomplete Reply. The Notice requires an abstract. A preliminary amendment adding an abstract is enclosed herewith.

The Notice states that the period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice to File Missing Parts, because the reply to the Missing Parts Notice did not include the abstract "required in the Notice." As you can see from the enclosed copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts, an abstract was NOT required. Rather, the present Notice of Incomplete Reply is the first paper demanding an abstract.

Therefore, the response period must be based on the mailing date of the Notice of Incomplete Reply. Accordingly, NO EXTENSION OF TIME FEE IS NECESSARY.

Any fee necessary can be charged to deposit account number 16-0820, order no. 33270.

Respectfully submitted,

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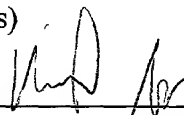
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